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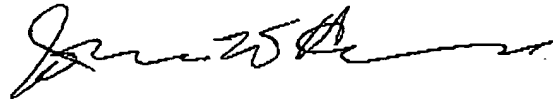
RE: U.S. Patent Application 10/614,520
Filed July 7, 2003
MEZZANINE SAFETY GATE
Our File: BENK.P0107US

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Amendment (Response) in the above application that was filed on November 30, 2004, per the Examiner's request.

If you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attorney Docket # BENK.P0107US

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

APPLICANT: BENKO, J.C.

U.S. SERIAL No.: 10/614,520

Group No: 3634

U.S. FILING DATE: July 7, 2003

Examiner: Tran, K.H.

TITLE: MEZZANINE SAFETY GATE

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Warning: Failure to file a complete response in compliance with §1.135© leads to a reduction in patent term adjustment - See §1.704©(7).

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is

☒ a small entity. A statement:

- ☐ is attached.
☒ was previously submitted.
☐ other than a small entity.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8(a) and/or 1.10

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November 30, 2004
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EXTENSION OF TIME

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NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. §1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. §1.550© for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

NOTE: 37 CFR §1.704(b) "...an applicant shall be deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods of time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office making any rejection, objection, argument, or other request, measuring such three-month period from the date the notice or action was mailed or given to the applicant, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in §1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date that is three months after the date of mailing or transmission of the Office communication notifying the applicant of the rejection, objection, argument, or other request and ending on the date the reply was filed. The period, or shortened statutory period, for reply that is set in the Office action or notice has no effect on the three-month period set forth in this paragraph."

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a) apply.

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, fees for which are set out in 37 CFR §1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

| | <u>Extension (months)</u> | <u>Fee for other than a small entity</u> | <u>Fee for small entity</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | one month | \$ 110.00 | \$ 55.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | two months | \$ 420.00 | \$210.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | three months | \$ 950.00 | \$475.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | four months | \$1,480.00 | \$740.00 |
| | | | Fee: \$ _____ |

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request: \$ _____

or

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

| (Col. 1) | | (Col. 2) | | (Col. 3) | Small Entity | | Other than a Small Entity | |
|---|----|---------------------------|----|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NO. PREV PAID FOR | | PRESENT X-TRA | RATE | ADD FEE OR | RATE | ADD FEE |
| TOTAL | 22 | MINUS | 22 | - | x | \$9 = | x | \$18 = |
| INDEP | 4 | MINUS | 4 | = | x | \$43 = | x | \$86 = |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIMS | | | | + | \$145 = | + | \$290 = | ° |
| | | | | | TOTAL ADD FEE | TOTAL ADD FEE | | |

WARNING: "After final rejection or action (§1.113) amendments may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 CFR 1.116(a) (emphasis added)

(c) ☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

Or

(d) ☐ Fee for Claims Due: \$_____

(e) ☐ **TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIMS AND/OR EXTENSIONS:** \$_____

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☐ Attached is a ☐ check ☐ money order in the amount of \$_____

☐ Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$_____

☐ to Deposit Account No. **18-0988**

☐ to Credit card as shown on the attached credit card information authorization form PTO-2038.

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A duplicate of this paper is attached.

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6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 18-0988.

and/or

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 13, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims
beginning on page 4.

Remarks begin on page 8.